

FISCAL NOTE
HB 212 - SB 89

January 12, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits any agency that receives state funds for operational expenses from using such funds for the purpose of lobbying or making any gift or political contribution to, or for, a candidate for public office.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact - Redirects existing state funds being expended by an entity from being used for a prohibited purpose to another purpose.

Estimate assumes:

- the term *agency* in this bill applies to any governmental entity as well as any other entity that receives state funds for operational expenses.
- any entity that receives only state funds for operational expenses, could not use such funds for any prohibited activity set out by this bill.
- although this is not expressly prohibited by law, it is assumed that this is not currently the practice of any state agency or department. However, if such practice is occurring, enactment of the bill would result in the redirection or shifting of those funds that are being used for a prohibited purpose to be used for other purposes allowable under the law.
- if it can be determined that a non-governmental entity that receives state funds for operational expenses is in noncompliance and is assessed a penalty, then it is estimated that state revenues could be increased by the amount of the penalty assessed. Since it is unknown how many entities would be found to be in noncompliance and assessed a penalty, the amount of increase in state revenues cannot be determined, but can be estimated to be not significant.
- this bill would not apply to routine contact between the legislature and any state agency or staff member of such agency with regard to testifying before a legislative committee or providing assistance or information on proposed legislation or any other issues that affect state or local governments or the state as a whole.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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